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SACRAMENTO MAN INDICTED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Sacramento, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging TONY XIONG, 24, of Sacramento, with receipt and possession of child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between December 13, 2006, and December 5, 2007, XIONG received and downloaded to his computer images of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment also alleges that on or about September 18, 2008, he possessed on his computer visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, XIONG faces at least five years and up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a minimum term of supervised release of five years and up to life. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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